

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original) A laundry composition comprising a particulate brightener, the particulate brightener comprising a fluorescent whitening agent and a carrier, wherein the particulate brightener has a deposition aid which deposits the particulate brightener on to consumer articles during the laundry wash process.

Claim 2 (Original) A laundry detergent composition comprising a particulate brightener as claimed in claim 1, wherein the deposition aid is a cationic polymer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition comprising a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the carrier is urea formaldehyde.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition comprising a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the fluorescent whitening agent is present at levels of from 0.01 to 50 wt % based on the total weight percent of the particulate brightener.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition comprising a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the fluorescent whitening agent is present at levels of from 0.0005 to 10 wt % of the composition based on the total weight percent of the composition.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition comprising a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the particle size of the carrier is from 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A laundry composition of a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the laundry detergent composition comprises;

- (a) from 5 to 60 wt % of organic surfactant,
- (b) optionally from 5 to 80 wt % of detergency builder,
- (c) from 0 to 50 wt % of particulate brightener, and

optionally other ingredients to 100 wt %.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Use of a particulate brightener as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, to whiten consumer articles during the wash process.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A process for the laundering of textile fabrics which comprises a wash step in which the fabrics are immersed in an aqueous wash liquor comprising the particulate brightener as claimed in ~~claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, a detergent surfactant, optionally a detergency builder and optionally other detergent ingredients.

Claim 10 (Original) A process for the laundering of textile fabrics which comprises;

- (a) a wash step in which the fabrics are immersed in an aqueous wash liquor comprising a detergent surfactant, a detergency builder and optionally other detergent ingredients, and

(b) a rinse or pretreatment step in which the fabrics are immersed for at least 30 seconds in an aqueous rinse liquor comprising at least 1 wt % of the particulate brightener as claimed in claims 1 to 7, and a deposition aid, and optionally a non-surfactant water soluble salt.